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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Between 6 and 31 January 1951, the old section of the Reiter Kaserne, Parchim (N 54/T 54), was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia, and black-bordered red epaulets. Most of the troops were apparently recruits. One hundred soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in basic training on 21 January. Trucks [REDACTED] were observed in the billeting area. The new section of the Reiter Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank and artillery insignia. Specifically, [REDACTED] the following units [REDACTED] stationed in the Reiter Kaserne:

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- a. A tank battalion with JS-3 tanks. From 30 to 40 tanks were previously observed with the unit.
- b. A tank battalion with T-34 tanks and light armored scout cars, which were sheltered in the garages on Pluemperviesenweg.
- c. An SP artillery battalion. Forty-four SP guns were previously observed in the stables.
- d. An AT artillery battalion equipped with about 24 guns of 50 and 70 mm, which were standing in the former poach houses and stables on Pluemperviesenweg.

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2. Three dwelling blocks of the Neue Heimat settlement seemed to be occupied to capacity by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Numerous officers, NCOs, and some [REDACTED] were observed on their way to the former Altersheim (home for the aged). [REDACTED] some of the officers and NCOs were billeted in the Altersheim, which, possibly, also housed a headquarters unit. On 21 January, trucks [REDACTED] entered the Neue Heimat settlement, towing 14 guns of about 80 mm. [REDACTED]

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3. The RAD (Reich Labor Service) Kaserne still quartered 2 officers and about 30 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Repair work was being done on a 50-mm and a 70-mm AT gun. ***
4. No changes were observed with the Reiter Kaserne between 8 and 18 January. All windows in the new section were lighted on the evening of 14 January, while only some of the windows of the old section were lighted. No heavy weapons were observed. About 60 soldiers were at close-combat drill on 14 January. EM and officers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, the latter with tank insignia. *
5. The three dwelling blocks of the Neue Heimat settlement were occupied to capacity by troops.
6. The Altersheim was still occupied to capacity. [redacted] the building quartered about 600 MGs. [redacted] MGs left the Altersheim by truck toward the airfield. **
7. The kommandatura at 14 Karl Marxstrasse consisted of 5 officers and 20 EM. Chief of the kommandatura was a captain whose adjutant was a senior lieutenant. Missions of the kommandatura were known to include the patrolling of restaurants and the town by military police, and liaison between German authorities and administrative offices of local troop units.
8. The RAD Kaserne on Ludwigslusterchaussee was occupied by a detachment of about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A repair shop was said to be located there. ***

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25X1 * [redacted] Comment. The old and the new sections of the Reiter Kaserne are
 25X1 the barracks installations on both sides of Karl Marxstrasse. The in-
 25X1 formation [redacted] indicate no changes in the occupation. The
 units mentioned [redacted] were probably the unidentified medium
 tank regiment of the 18th Mecz Div, who [redacted] has repeated-
 25X1 ly been identified in the installation; and the tank battalion of the
 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div. [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 An AT artillery battalion [redacted] thought to be there because of
 the number of guns observed is not an organic component of a mechanized
 division. The 24 guns observed apparently belonged to the 60th Mecz Regt,
 including 12 guns of 76 mm or 85 mm to the regiment's artillery battalion,
 and 12 guns of 57 mm to the three mechanized battalions of the regiment,
 that is four guns to each battalion. The assumption that the 60th Mecz
 25X1 Regt is located there is substantiated [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. The Neue Heimat settlement is occupied by an AAA unit
 with motor vehicle numbers of the series reported. The affiliation between
 the Neue Heimat settlement and the Altersheim has been observed for several
 25X1 months. [redacted] The information [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] indicates that courses of instruction may have been con-
 ducted in the Altersheim. There has been no previous information that a
 headquarters should be located there.

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25X1 *** [redacted] Comment. The RAD Kaserne still houses an armory. [redacted] 25X1

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